IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-11 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 16-25 as follows.

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (New) A system of two drilling rods which are connected with each other by means of at least one locking element, whereby the locking element is moveably engaged in an end portion of a first of the drilling rods and can be moved by means of magnetic force into a locking position in which the locking element engages into a corresponding groove in an end portion of the second of the drilling rods or out of the locking position so that the locking element disengages the groove in the second of the drilling rods.

17. (New) A system of a transmitter housing and a drill bit which are connected with each other by means of at least one locking element, whereby the locking element is moveably engaged in one of either the transmitter housing or the drill bit and can be moved by means of magnetic force into a locking position in which the locking element engages into a corresponding groove in the second of either the transmitter housing or the drill bit or out of said locking position so that the locking element disengages said groove.

18. (New) The system as claimed in claim 16 or 17, characterized in that the locking elements are magnetizable.

19. (New) The system as claimed in claim 16 or 17,

characterized in that the locking elements lock in their basic position.

20. (New) The system as claimed in claim 16 or 17, characterized in that the locking elements are unlocked in their basic position.

21. (New) The connecting system as claimed in claim 20, characterized in that the locking elements are retained in their basic position by means of spring force.

22. (New) The system as claimed in claim 16 or 17, characterized in that the locking elements are designed as ring segments.

23. (New) The system as claimed in claim 16 or 17, characterized in that the locking elements are designed as an interrupted ring.

24. (New) A method of releasing and connecting two drilling rods, whereby one end of each of said drilling rods are being put together in a way that at least one locking element, which is moveably engaged in an end portion of a first of the drilling rods may engage into a locking position in which the locking element engages into a corresponding groove in an end portion of the second of the drilling rods, characterized in that the locking element is moved into or out of the locking position by inducing a magnetic force onto the locking element.

25. (New) A method of releasing and connecting a transmitter housing and a drill bit, whereby one end of each of said

transmitter housing and drill bit are being put together in a way that at least one locking element, which is moveably engaged in one of either the transmitter housing or the drill bit may engage into a locking position in which the locking element engages into a corresponding groove in the second of either the transmitter housing or the drill bit, characterized in that the locking element is moved into or out of the locking position by inducing a magnetic force onto the locking element.